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MESSAGE FROM THE OPM SECRETARY

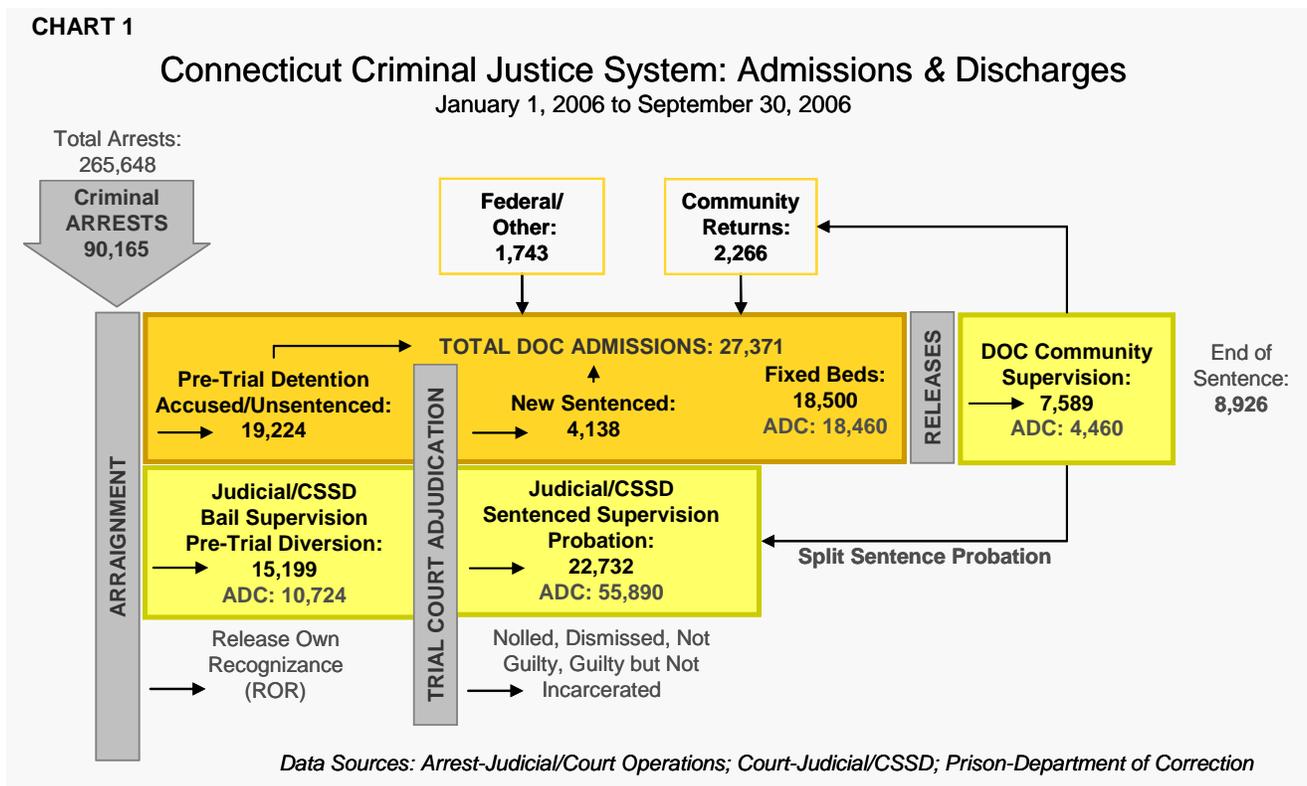
Public Act No. 05-249 established a new Criminal Justice Policy and Planning Division (CJPPD) within the Office of Policy and Management (OPM). The division is charged with developing a plan to promote a more effective and cohesive state criminal justice system. As part of the planning process the division has begun gathering information from the appropriate agencies and branches to meet the monthly reporting requirements as outlined by the enabling legislation. We have found that agencies have different uses for their own data to support their day to day operations and are not necessarily research friendly. Many of these systems require significant programming to extract the data elements requested by this legislation. In addition, the information may not align with data housed in other agency systems. However, given the information and systems available these monthly reports are intended to advise and inform the Governor and General Assembly of current trends and outcomes to assess the long-range needs of the criminal justice system.

This report presents the current correctional population indicators for Connecticut as of September 2006 and includes six month population projections for the correctional system to April 2007. The Criminal Justice Policy and Planning Division, working with the Criminal Justice Policy Advisory Commission, will analyze this and subsequent data, and present planning options in future reports.

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OVERVIEW OF THE CONNECTICUT CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM

The following flowchart provides a summary of the Connecticut criminal justice system. Unlike many states that have county governments, the majority of agencies within the criminal justice system are State agencies. The one exception is law enforcement, where there are over 90 local police departments in addition to the Connecticut State Police. See APPENDIX for a detailed description of the agencies and the various types of community supervision in Connecticut.



Total Offender Flow Year to Date:

Since January 1, 2006 (see CHART 1):

- 90,165 criminal arrests were made
- 15,199 arrestees were not detained and placed in a CSSD Pre-Trial Diversion program (*Hate Crimes, Drug Education, Alcohol Education, School Violence, Conditional Release*)
- 19,224 arrestees were detained (unsentenced placed in prison) prior to their trial
- 4,138 convicted offenders were sentenced to prison
- 22,732 convicted offenders were sentenced to probation
- 7,589 inmates were released from prison to DOC community supervision (*Community Support Services Needs: DMHAS, DSS, Housing, Education*)
- 8,926 offenders reached their end of sentence (EOS) and were released (discharged) from DOC custody

Total Persons Under Supervision:

On a daily basis, the Average Daily Count (ADC) (see CHART 1):

- 66,614 pre-trial arrestees and probationers are supervised by CSSD
- 22,920 accused and sentenced offenders are supervised by DOC
- 89,534 offenders are supervised by CSSD and DOC

ADMISSIONS TO CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES

(1) The Number of Admissions to Prison

Admissions to Prison directly from Courts (A) Directly from Courts

Since January 1, 2006: (see CHART 1A and TABLE 1A)

- Accused offenders awaiting trial comprise **70%** of new admissions
- Sentenced offenders from courts comprise **15%** of new admissions

Data Notes:

Consists of counts of newly admitted inmates. Accused inmates who are sentenced to prison while already incarcerated are not included in this data. Offenders admitted prior to their conviction and subsequent to their prison sentence were previously counted under "Accused".

CHART 1A

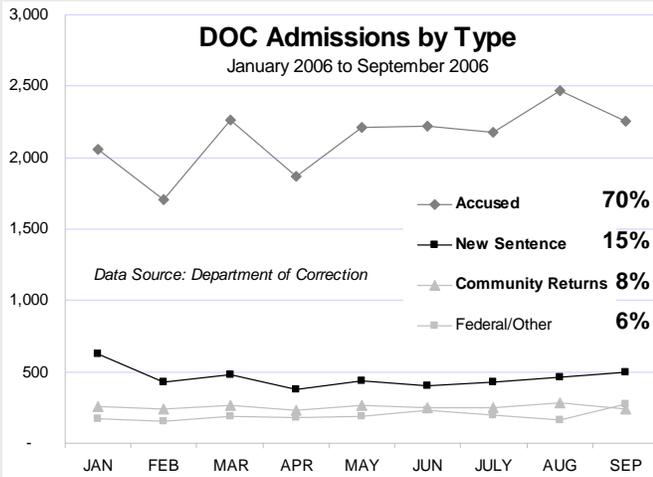


TABLE 1A

DOC Admissions by Type January 2006 to September 2006

	Accused	New Sentence	Community Returns	Federal/Other	Total
JAN	2,061	624	256	174	3,115
FEB	1,705	431	236	156	2,528
MAR	2,262	480	266	190	3,198
APR	1,871	379	229	176	2,655
MAY	2,211	436	264	188	3,099
JUN	2,216	399	246	228	3,089
JULY	2,174	427	250	193	3,044
AUG	2,471	465	281	162	3,379
SEP	2,253	497	238	276	3,264
Total	19,224	4,138	2,266	1,743	27,371
% Total	70%	15%	8%	6%	

Admissions to Prison from Community Returns

(B) On Account of Parole Revocation (Community Returns)

Since January 1, 2006: (see CHART 1B.1 and TABLE 1B.1)

- Re-admits from DOC community programs comprise **8%** of admissions (see TABLE 1A)
- **2,266** offenders who were sent back to prison from DOC community release (see TABLE 1A and 1B.1)
 - **52%** were parolees (see TABLE 1B.1)
 - **24%** were under transitional supervision (TS)
 - **14%** were in a halfway house (HWH)
 - **10%** were on re-entry furlough

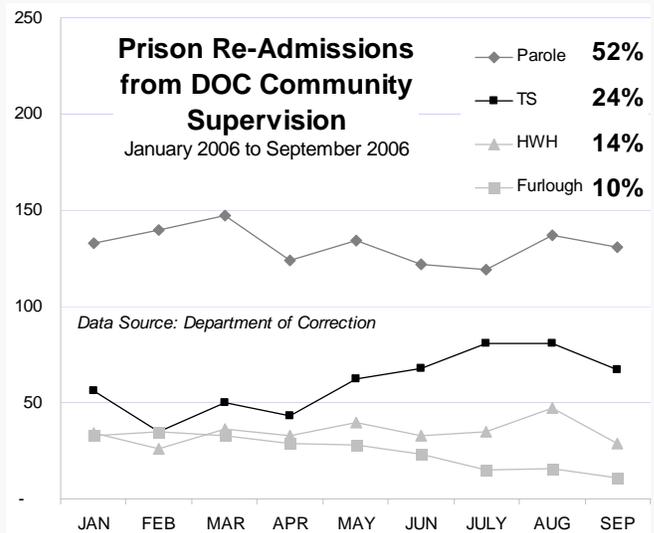
TABLE 1B.1

Prison Re-Admissions from DOC Community Supervision

January 2006 to September 2006

	Parole	TS	HWH	Furlough	Total
JAN	133	56	34	33	256
FEB	140	35	26	35	236
MAR	147	50	36	33	266
APR	124	43	33	29	229
MAY	134	62	40	28	264
JUN	122	68	33	23	246
JULY	119	81	35	15	250
AUG	137	81	47	16	281
SEP	131	67	29	11	238
Total	1,187	543	313	223	2,266
% Total	52%	24%	14%	10%	

CHART 1B.1



**Admissions to Prison from Community Returns
(continued)**

For September 2006: (see CHART 1B.2 and TABLE 1B.2)

- In September 2006, **238** offenders who were sent back to prison from DOC community release
- **48%** were technical violations
- **34%** were criminal violations

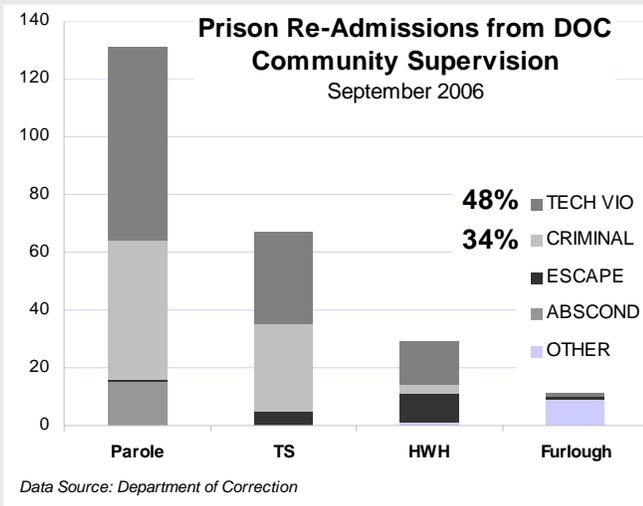
TABLE 1B.2

**Prison Re-Admissions from
DOC Community Supervision**

September 2006

	Parole	TS	HWH	Furlough	Total	% Total
TECH VIO	67	32	15	1	115	48%
CRIMINAL	48	30	3	0	81	34%
ESCAPE	1	5	10	1	17	7%
ABSCOND	15	0	0	0	15	6%
OTHER	0	0	1	9	10	4%
TOTAL	131	67	29	11	238	
% TOTAL	55%	28%	12%	5%		

CHART 1B.2



**Admissions to Prison from Violations of Probation
(C) On Account of Probation Revocation (Violations of Probation – VOP)**

For September 2006: (see TABLE 1A)

- 136 of the **497** sentenced offenders were probation violators (27%)

Data Notes:

Due to its design, the DOC Management Information System can only provide the current month counts of probation violators. Also, it is not possible to determine how many of the probation violators were sentenced to prison for committing a new criminal offense or for technical violations of probation

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION RELEASES AND DISCHARGES

(2) The Number of Releases on Parole and to Other Forms of Community Supervision and Facilities

Since January 1, 2006:
(see CHART 2 and TABLE 2)

- 8,926 offenders or 54% reached their end of sentence (EOS) and were released from DOC supervision (facilities and community programs)
- **7,589** inmates were released to DOC community programs
 - **29%** of DOC community releases were for parole
 - **25%** of DOC community releases were for transitional supervision (TS)
 - **20%** of DOC community releases were for halfway house (HWH)
 - **26%** of DOC community releases were for re-entry furloughs

CHART 2

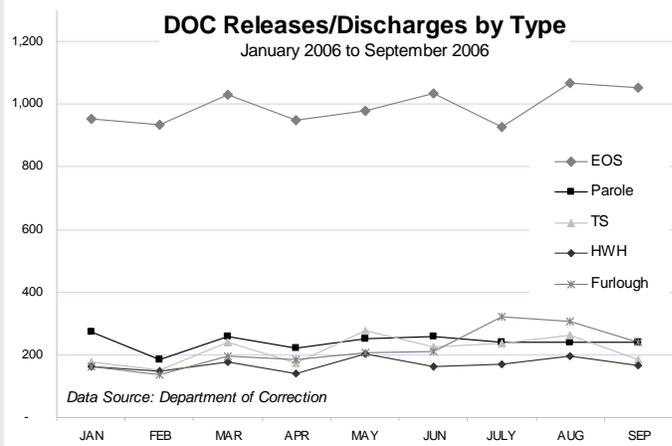


TABLE 2

DOC Releases/Discharges by Type

January 2006 to September 2006

	EOS	Parole	TS	HWH	Furlough	Total
JAN	952	275	177	162	161	1,727
FEB	933	183	151	149	137	1,553
MAR	1,032	259	241	176	196	1,904
APR	950	222	174	140	184	1,670
MAY	980	250	276	204	205	1,915
JUN	1,034	258	224	164	210	1,890
JULY	926	241	238	170	323	1,898
AUG	1,067	240	262	196	308	2,073
SEP	1,052	239	185	168	241	1,885
Total	8,926	2,167	1,928	1,529	1,965	16,515
% Total	54%					
Non EOS		29%	25%	20%	26%	7,589

GRANTING OF PAROLE

(3) The Rate of Granting Parole

*A Full Panel Hearings consists of three Board of Parole members.

**Administrative Reviews are conducted for less serious offenders. A hearing officer interviews the offender and makes a recommendation to the Board of Parole.

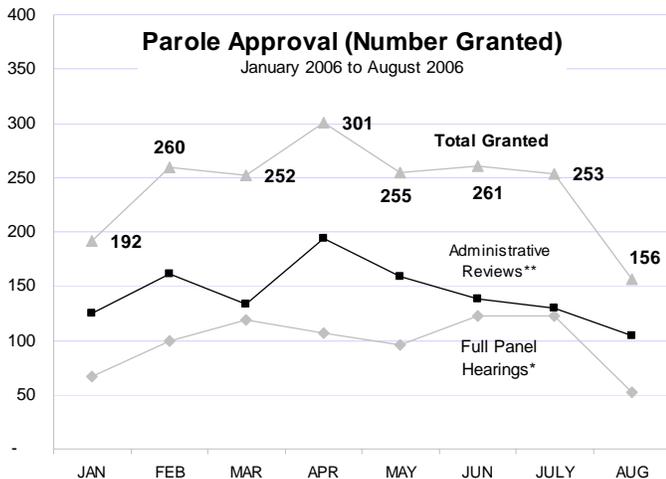
Board of Parole Reviews:

From January 2005 to August 2006:
(see TABLE 3, CHART 3A and 3B)

- **83%** of full panel hearings and administrative reviews result in the granting of parole
- **1,930** inmates have been granted parole in 2006
- **301** inmates were granted parole in April (highest number in 2006)
- **156** inmates were granted parole in August (lowest number in 2006)

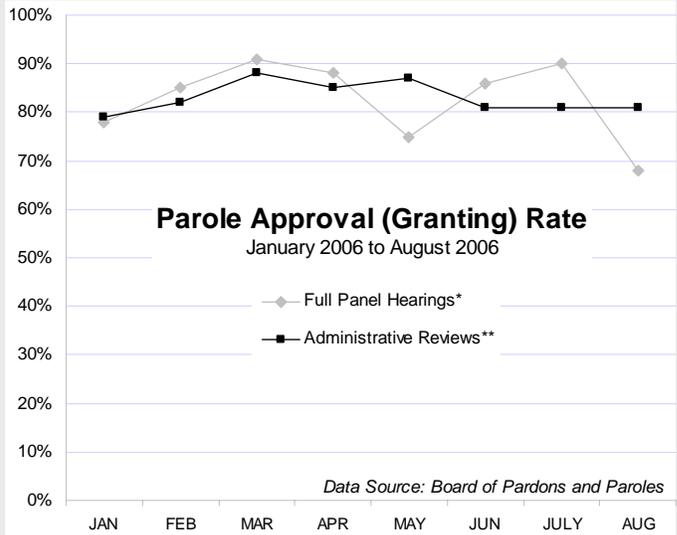
Data Notes:
September data were not available at the time of this report.

CHART 3A



Data Source: Board of Pardons and Paroles

CHART 3B



Data Source: Board of Pardons and Paroles

TABLE 3

Parole Approval (Granting) Rate

January 2006 to August 2006

	Full Panel Hearings*		Administrative Reviews**		Total Granted
	Number Granted	Granting Rate	Number Granted	Granting Rate	
JAN	67	78%	125	79%	192
FEB	99	85%	161	82%	260
MAR	119	91%	133	88%	252
APR	107	88%	194	85%	301
MAY	96	75%	159	87%	255
JUN	123	86%	138	81%	261
JUL	123	90%	130	81%	253
AUG	52	68%	104	81%	156
Total	786		1,144		1,930
Average		83%		83%	

OFFENDERS SENTENCED TO PROBATION AND REFERRALS TO CSSD COMMUNITY PLACEMENTS

(4) The Number of Probation Placements and Placements to Probation Facilities

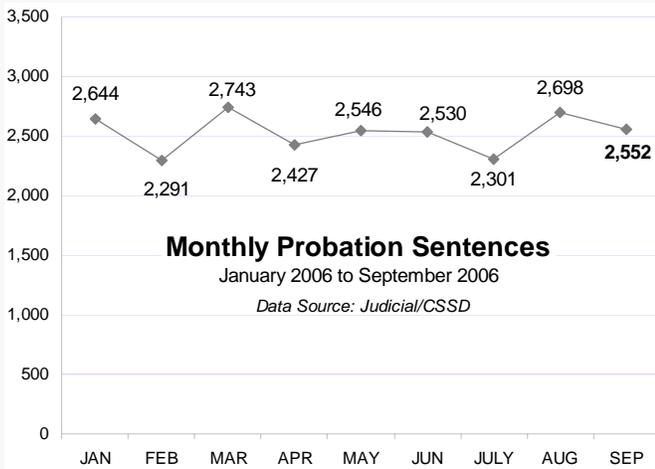
For September 2006: (see CHART 4A)

- **2,552** convicted offenders sentenced to probation

Since January 1, 2006:

- **22,732** total convicted offenders placed on probation

CHART 4A



For Community Placements:

Since January 1, 2006: (see CHART 4B and TABLE 4B)

- **9,145** probationers were sentenced or referred to community placements
- **4,578** (50%) were community-based services
- **4,210** (46%) were outpatient placements
- **357** (4%) were inpatient or residential programs

Data Notes:

September data were not available at the time of this report.

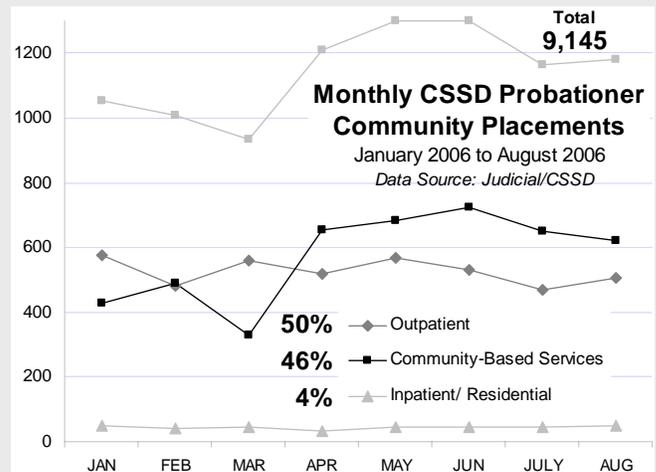
TABLE 4B

Monthly CSSD Probationer Community Placements

January 2006 to August 2006

	Community-Based Services	Outpatient	Inpatient/Residential	Total
JAN	426	575	51	1,052
FEB	489	480	40	1,009
MAR	328	560	44	932
APR	655	519	34	1,208
MAY	683	569	46	1,298
JUN	722	532	47	1,301
JULY	652	468	44	1,164
AUG	623	507	51	1,181
Total	4,578	4,210	357	9,145
% Total	50%	46%	4%	

CHART 4B



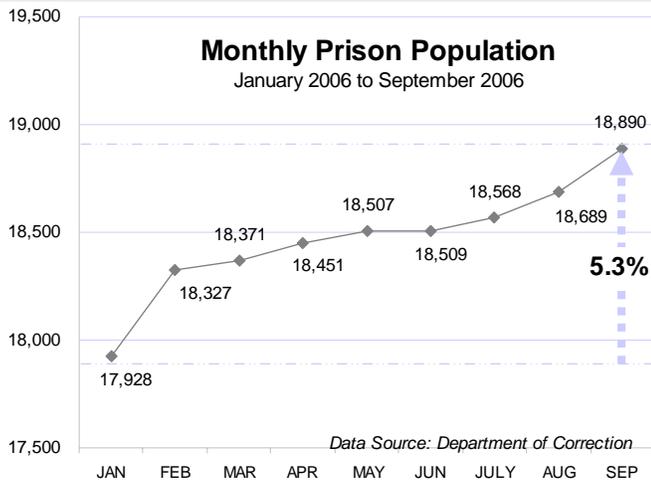
CURRENT PRISON POPULATION

(5) The Prison Population

Since January 1, 2006: (see CHART 5A)

- DOC facilities' population has increased every month
- The prison population has increased **5.3%** over this nine (9) month period

CHART 5A



Snapshot of Prison Population by Race and Gender:

On September 1, 2006: (see CHART 5B and TABLE 5B)

- **93%** of the prison population are **Males**
- **43%** of the prison population are African-American
- **29%** of the prison population are White
- **27%** of the prison population are Hispanic

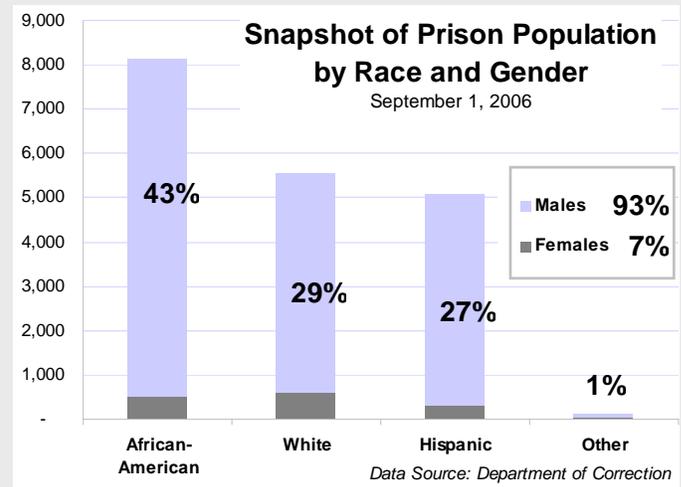
TABLE 5B

Snapshot of Prison Population by Race and Gender

September 1, 2006

	African-American	White	Hispanic	Other	Total	% Total
Males	7,627	4,955	4,780	114	17,476	93%
Females	500	598	298	18	1,414	7%
Total	8,127	5,553	5,078	132	18,890	
% Total	43%	29%	27%	1%		

CHART 5B



Snapshot of Prison Population by Age:

On September 1, 2006: (see CHART 5C and TABLE 5C)

- **30.1%** inmates are between 22 and 29 years old
- **27.3%** inmates are 40 years of age or older
- 427 inmates are under the age of 18 years old

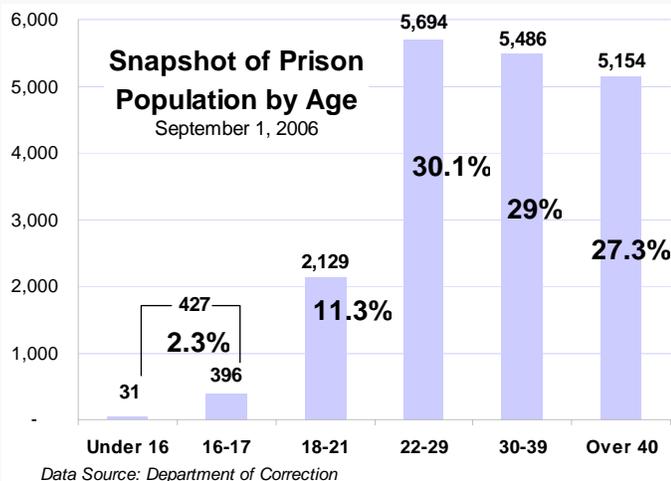
TABLE 5C

Snapshot of Prison Population by Age

September 1, 2006

Under 16	16-17	18-21	22-29	30-39	Over 40	Total
31	396	2,129	5,694	5,486	5,154	18,890
0.2%	2.1%	11.3%	30.1%	29.0%	27.3%	

CHART 5C



SIX MONTH FORECAST OF THE PRISON POPULATION

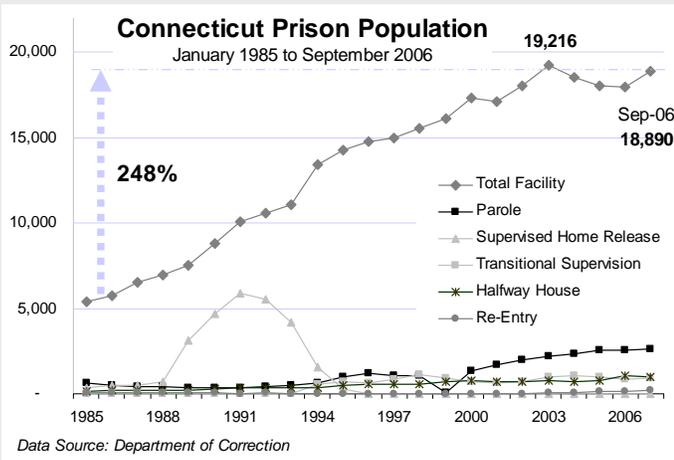
(6) The Projected Prison Population

Connecticut Prison Population Trends

From 1985 through Sept. 2006: (see CHART 6A)

- The prison population has increased **248%**
- Community release programs have remained relatively constant
- The prison population has **decreased 1.7%** from January 2003 to September 2006

CHART 6A



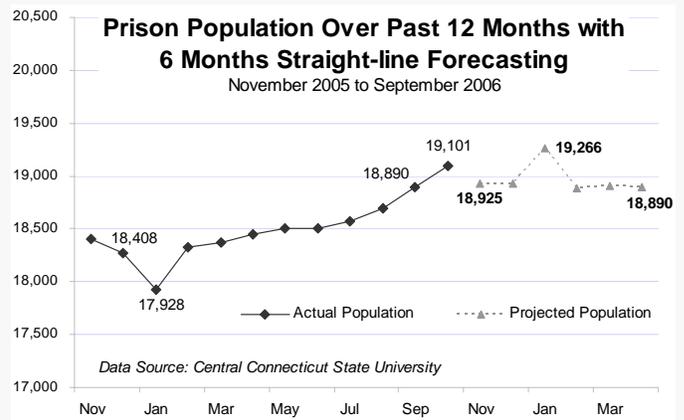
Connecticut Prison Population Forecast

A straight-line method was used to forecast the prison population through April of 2007. This method was based on the monthly changes in the prison population for the past five years. The prison population has decreased the last quarter of the year (November through December) every year since 1985.

The six month forecast suggests: (see CHART 6B)

- The prison population will **decrease 1.1%** from October 2006 to April of 2007
- The prison population will slightly decrease or remain stable through April 2007
- The April 2007 prison population will be **18,890** inmates

CHART 6B



Factors Affecting the Forecast Period

There are new programs and staff coming on-line January 1, 2007 that are expected to positively impact a reduction in the overall correctional population during the new calendar year and beyond.

APPENDIX

The chart below shows the various types of community supervision in Connecticut.

Types of Community Supervision

Who decides if released to community?	Types of Release	Terms	Supervised By
DOC	Transitional Supervision (TS)	Prison 2 years and under	DOC Parole Officers
	Halfway House (HWH)	18 months prior to end of sentence or parole release	DOC Parole Officers
	Re-entry Furlough	30 days from end of sentence or parole release	DOC Parole Officers
BOPP	Parole	Prison over 2 years	DOC Parole Officers
Courts/CSSD	Probation	Not sentenced to prison	CSSD Probation Officers
	Split Sentence Probation	Prison time followed by Probation	CSSD Probation Officers

Department of Correction (DOC)

-Theresa C. Lantz, Commissioner

The Department of Correction's Division of Parole and Community Services represents the consolidated community supervision and enforcement functions of the Department of Correction and the Board of Parole, which were combined in the fall of 2004 at the direction of the General Assembly.

Board of Pardons and Paroles (BOPP)

-Gregory R. Everett, Chairman

The Board of Pardons and Paroles is an autonomous panel with administrative support provided by the Department of Correction. Members of the Board are gubernatorial appointees. The Board possesses discretionary authority to grant pardons for criminal convictions and to place appropriate offenders in the community under supervision as a means of supporting their successful reintegration into law abiding society.

Court Support Services Division (CSSD)

-William H. Carbone, Executive Director

CSSD operates under the auspices of Connecticut's Judicial Branch. This division oversees:

- **Office of Adult Probation**
Conducts pre-sentence investigations ordered by the Superior Court and supervises probationers in all cases except juvenile matters.
- **Office of Alternative Sanctions**
Creates and sustains a full range of alternatives to incarceration for both pre- and post-conviction adult and juvenile populations.
- **Bail Commission**
Interviews and investigates individuals accused of crimes to assist the Superior Court in determining terms and conditions of pretrial release.
- **Family Services Division**
Assists the Superior Court in the resolution of problems and the adjudication of cases involving family relationships, family support, child protection and juvenile delinquency. Among the services provided by the Family Division are: mediation of domestic disputes, evaluation of child custody and visitation conflicts, juvenile probation services, divorce counseling, residential placement, restitution and community services.
- **Division of Juvenile Detention Services**
Provides pretrial secure detention and programming services to juveniles accused of delinquent acts.